

Regular Session, 2012

# ACT No. 246

HOUSE BILL NO. 234

BY REPRESENTATIVES HODGES, KATRINA JACKSON, MORENO, NORTON,  
SMITH, AND ST. GERMAIN

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 47:463.155, relative to motor vehicle special prestige plates; to provide for the  
3 creation, issuance, and design of such license plates; to provide relative to the fee and  
4 distribution of fees for such plates; to authorize the promulgation of rules and  
5 regulations; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.155 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §463.155. Special prestige license plate; "Save the Honeybee"

9 A. The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall  
10 establish a special prestige motor vehicle license plate to be known as the "Save the  
11 Honeybee" plate, provided there is a minimum of one thousand applicants for such  
12 plates. These license plates shall be restricted to use on passenger cars, pickup  
13 trucks, recreational vehicles, and vans.

14 B. The secretary shall design the plates, which shall be of a color and design  
15 selected jointly by the North Live Oak Elementary School of Watson, Louisiana, and  
16 the Louisiana Beekeepers Association, Incorporated, provided that it is in  
17 compliance with R.S. 47:463(A)(3).

18 C. The prestige license plate shall be issued, upon application, to any citizen  
19 of Louisiana in the same manner as any other motor vehicle license plate.

20 D. The department shall collect an annual royalty fee of twenty-five dollars,  
21 which shall be disbursed in accordance with Subsection E of this Section. This fee  
22 shall be in addition to the standard motor vehicle license tax imposed by Article VII,  
23 Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and a handling fee of three dollars and

1           fifty cents for each plate to be retained by the department to offset a portion of  
2           administrative costs.

3                   E. The annual royalty fee shall be collected by the department and forwarded  
4           to the Louisiana Beekeepers Association, Incorporated, or its successor organization.  
5           The money received shall be used solely for financial aid for graduate students  
6           working on applied honey bee research projects at the United States Department of  
7           Agriculture Agricultural Research Service Honey Bee Breeding, Genetics and  
8           Physiology Research Laboratory in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Louisiana  
9           Beekeepers Association, Incorporated, shall establish and disburse the funds for the  
10          scholarship program.

11                   F. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations as are necessary to  
12          implement the provisions of this Section.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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